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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4205
Serial No. 09/992,399	Filing Date November 6, 2001	Examiner To be Assigned	Group Art Unit 2812
Inventor(s) Akihiro Nakano et al.			
Title of Invention Plasma Processing Apparatus Including a Plurality of Plasma Processing Units Having Reduced Variation			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Status Inquiry and Return Postcard

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
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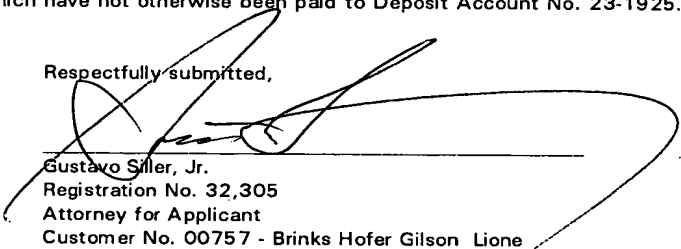
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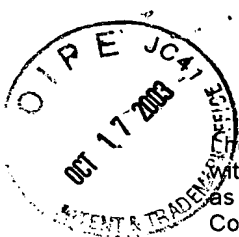
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Akihiro Nakano et al. )

Serial No. 09/992,399 )

Filing Date: November 6, 2001 )

For: Plasma Processing Apparatus Including a )  
Plurality of Plasma Processing Units Having )  
Reduced Variation )

### STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicant's filed the above-identified application on November 6, 2001, but  
has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as  
to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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